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# **Around D-M**

#### **Air Demonstrations**

The Air Combat Command Heritage Flight/Demo Conference takes place this weekend and includes aerial demonstrations that pair F-15, F-16 and A-10 singleship tactical demonstration teams with vintage P-51, F-86 and P-38 aircraft. Flying is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Following the Saturday flights, pilots will be available for autographs. The demo is open to DOD identification card holders and can be viewed in front of Base Operations.

## **Munitions Inventory**

The munitions storage area will provide limited support due to a semi-annual inventory between March 19-31. All munition transactions for custody accounts must be completed prior to March 19. Requirements during the inspection require an emergency-issue letter. Call 8-8911 for more details.

#### **AAFES Feedback**

An AAFES inspection team is having a customer forum Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Building 4320. Anyone interested in providing feedback and attending the forum can call Olga Fleming at 8-3904.

46 a DUI charge by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at 850-2233
10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and

Saturdays and 4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.

17 days since last DUI:

Last unit: 355th CS

(Current as of Thursday)



Staff Sgt. Elaine Phillingane

# Scorpions' Family Day

Trenton, 4-year old son of Deborah and Staff Sgt. Duane Hohle, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, investigates an optical borescope. The test instrument is used by the 41st ECS to find scratches in fiber-optic cable by placing the device through small crevices in the aircraft engine. This was part of the 41st ECS Family Day celebration Feb. 23. The day included briefings by Lt. Col. Glyn Bolasky, 41st ECS commander; tours of the squadron facilities and self-help projects; EC-130Hs, and a squadron picnic. The squadron's self-help projects saved the Air Force more than \$100,000 last year. Family Day is held annually to familiarize spouses and children with what their loved ones do in the Air Force and why the family's support is important to the member and the Air Force alike.

# Wing opens new housing

**By Karen Halstead** Staff writer

The first of 64 new housing units opened Tuesday for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members to visit following a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house opportunity.

"It's a great opportunity to open up the first installment of homes," said Col. Bobby Wilkes, 355th Wing Commander. "It wouldn't have been possible without the team partnership, we wouldn't have been able to do this (have these housing units)." Wilkes thanked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sundt Corp. and D-M's Military Family Housing Office for their cooperation in making this \$8.8 million military construction project a reality for D-M.

"Thanks to the community for putting this project together,"

**See Housing Page 5** 

# Commander's Corner



**Col. Bobby Wilkes** 355th Wing Commander

# Commander's Salute

This week I salute
Capt. Christopher
Stanley, 355th Medical
Group, for winning the
honor of Air Combat
Command Optometrist of
the year and Staff Sgt.
Roxanne Thorton, 355th
MDG, for winning ACC
Ophthalmic Technician of
the year. Congratulations
and thanks for your
excellence!

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **228-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: <u>355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil</u>.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

#### **Outdoor Recreation/ITT**

#### **Comment:**

I'm unsatisfied by the service provided by the Outdoor Recreation/ Tours and Tickets office when it comes to planning events for dorm residents.

I've suggested they put together package trips (transportation and tickets) for us to go see the Phoenix Suns or Coyotes or concerts, such as U2, which sold out quickly, but they don't seem to take any action.

Knowing a big-draw concert is

something we'd be interested in, why couldn't they buy a block of tickets for resale?

Most Morale, Welfare and Recreation offices have a Ticketmaster.

I read in the Desert Airman that they are buying vans; can we now expect them to plan trips especially for us instead of shopping trips for spouses? How about skiing? We're close to New Mexico and northern Arizona resorts.

#### **Response:**

Outdoor Recreation and ITT both Manager, at 8-3736.

strive to provide trips and tours geared towards the general populace of the base, not just spouses and retirees.

Over the past few months, ITT and Outdoor Recreation have offered several trips geared toward dorm residents, including a trip to the Giants vs. Cardinals football game and several outdoor activities over the holidays. Unfortunately not everyone who showed interest purchased tickets

For the football game, even though we did not receive the amount of sign-ups anticipated, ITT still took those who registered to the game. In January, Outdoor Recreation offered a ski trip to Snowbowl in Flagstaff.

Since there were no sign-ups, this trip was cancelled. To provide trips to sporting events or concerts, ITT is required to purchase a block of tickets up front. If we do not sell all the tickets, the base loses money because we still have to pay for the tickets.

Following the bankruptcy of our old ticket vendor, Dillard's Tickets, we've tried to contract with Ticketmaster, but they have shown no interest in having D-M as a client. Outdoor Recreation and ITT are more than willing to assist in planning and organizing special trips for groups of people interested in skiing, sporting events, concerts, etc.

As with any of our trips, there is a minimum amount of participation to cover expenses, and we actively seek to generate interest and keep these programs alive. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Paula Yeoman, ITT Manager, at 8-3700, or Connie Knoob, Outdoor Recreation Manager, at 8-3736.

#### **Reservist MPF service**

#### **Concern:**

I am an Individual Mobilization Augmentee, previously attached to the Wing.

I went to the military personnel flight the first week of January to take care of some changes for my Serviceman's Group Life Insurance. I was told reservists were not serviced by the MPF, and that I needed to go to my orderly room.

I explained that my unit's orderly room was 2,000 miles away. The Air Reserve Personnel Center, which manages the reservists in our program, had instructed to contact the closest active-duty MPF, which should be able to accommodate my needs.

It was my understanding that bases would, on a space available basis, service IMA reservists in their local area.

If I am mistaken, I apologize, but I believe I am correct with the guidance I received from the Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

#### **Response:**

Thank you for your concerns about the service at the military personnel flight. Your Reserve Personnel Center at Denver was correct.

Without a doubt, you should have been assisted.

My Customer Service team has been instructed in these matters and you should feel confident that if you are ever in this area again and require assistance from the military personnel flight, your needs will be met.

If you have any additional questions, the military personnel flight commander is available at 8-4580.

# **Your Final Answer?**

# What is your worst nutritional habit?



Tech. Sgt. Kris Clark
355th Equipment
Maintenance Squadron
"That I make my
own ice cream. It's
very good but a little
on the high in the fat
content."



Master Sgt.
Barbara Fischer
612th Air Communications Squadron
"Not eating enough fruits and vegetables."



Senior Airman Angela Newman 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron "Caffeine in the morning."



**Tech. Sgt. Milton Keeter**355th Wing Safety
"Burger King."



2nd Lt. Melanie Olson 41st Electronic Combat Squadron "I have a bad sweet tooth."



Staff Sgt. Cory Staudinger 354th Fighter Squadron "Eating out of fast food restaurants too frequently."

# Airmen receive swift punishment

# **December Article 15s**

- ◆ An airman received a reduction to airman basic for wrongful use of marijuana, a violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- ◆ A staff sergeant received a forfeiture of \$300 pay for dereliction of duty and false official statement, violations of Articles 92 and 107 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman first class received a reduction to airman for Absent Without Leave, failure to go and failure to pay a just debt, violations of Articles 86 and 134 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman first class received a reduction to airman, a suspended reduction to airman basic and 15 days extra duty for failure to go, a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for failure to go, a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ A staff sergeant received a suspended reduction to senior airman for writing worthless checks, a violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman and a forfeiture of \$150 pay for failure to go, a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman, a forfeiture of \$294 pay and a reprimand for failure to go, a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman basic received a forfeiture of \$200 pay and 45 days extra duty for failure to obey a lawful order, a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman received a reduction to airman basic for failure to go, a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman first class received a reduction to airman and 45 days extra duty for reporting to duty incapacitated by intoxicating liquors, a violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ.
  - ♠ A staff sergeant received a suspended

reduction to senior airman, a forfeiture of \$351 pay and a reprimand for dereliction of duty, a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

## **January Article 15s**

- ♦ An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman basic for failure to go, a violation of Article 86 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.
- ♦ An airman first class received a reduction to airman for writing worthless checks, a violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman received a reduction to airman basic and 60 days base restriction for dereliction of duty, a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman first class received a reduction to airman, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for larceny, a violation of Article 121 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ A master sergeant received a suspended reduction to technical sergeant and a forfeiture of \$500 pay for two months for assault, a violation of Article 128 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman first class received a reduction to airman, 30 days base restriction to base and 30 days extra duty for driving under the influence, a violation of Article 111 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman, 30 days base restriction and 30 days extra duty for underage drinking, a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman for failure to pay a debt, a violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ A senior airman received a reduction to airman first class and a forfeiture of \$200 pay for two months for failure to go, a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ A master sergeant received a forfeiture of \$1,445 pay for two months for dereliction of duty and false official statement, violations of Articles 92 and 107 of the UCMJ.
- ♦ An airman received a suspended reduction to airman basic, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for destruction of non-military property, a violation of Article 109 of the UCMJ.

#### **Courts Martial**

The 355th Wing Legal Office courtmartialed two members in the months of January and February.

♦ Jan. 22 a general court-martial convened in the case of United States vs. Airman Basic Fernando Tello, 612nd Air Support Squadron. Feb. 29, Tello (then a staff sergeant) was court-martialed and pled not guilty to forcible sodomy, indecent acts and forcible sodomy with a child under the age of 12, and indecent liberties with a child under the age of 16.

However, he failed to appear on the third day of his court-martial. His court-martial continued without him.

The court members found him guilty of all charges. March 3, the court members sentenced him to reduction to E-1, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, 10 years confinement and a dishonorable discharge.

Before eventually turning himself into authorities, Tello was one of the Air Force Office of Special Investigation's top 10 most wanted fugitives.

In his Jan. 22 court-martial, Tello was charged with desertion, in violation of Article 85, but he pled guilty to the lesser-included offense of Absent Without Leave, in violation of Article 86. Jan. 24, court members found him guilty of desertion and sentenced him to 209 days confinement, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a bad conduct discharge.

◆ Jan. 30, a general court-martial convened in the case of the United States vs. Maj. Kenneth Sparr, 355th Medical Operations Squadron.

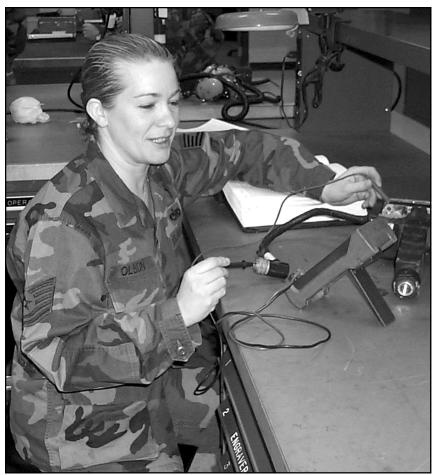
Sparr pled guilty to larceny of prescription medication (Percocet), wrongful use of a controlled substance (Percocet), and making a false official statement, in violation of Articles 121, 112a and 107 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, respectively.

Feb. 1, a military judge found Sparr guilty of all charges and sentenced him to 11 months confinement and a dismissal.

# **Determining Article 15 punishments**

The same offense can result in different punishments for each member. The commander of the offender must consider several factors while determining punishment, such as the offender's service record, previous incidents, and the seriousness of the offense.

# Technician wins Federal Aviation Administration award



and control technician, checks the resistance of a wire harness.

Staff Sgt. Deborah VanNierop Tech. Sgt. Brenda 'Cori' Olson, 305th Rescue Squadron avionics guidance

**By Staff Sgt. Deborah VanNierop** 305th Rescue Squadron

When it comes to the field of avionics there is nothing Tech. Sgt. Brenda 'Cori' Olson can't achieve, and her most recent accomplishment is proof of that fact.

Olson, an avionics guidance and control technician with the 305th Rescue Squadron, is the Civilian Avionics Technician of the Year.

The award, presented by the Federal Aviation Administration, is given each year to the individual who best promotes aviation while assuring flight safety.

The reservist said she was surprised she was nominated, but was really overwhelmed when she learned she'd won the award at the district, state, regional and national levels.

"I was shocked when I was presented with the regional award; I thought I was going to fall over," she said. In addition to winning at the national level, she recently traveled to Anaheim, Calif., for an all-expense paid trip to Disneyland and to attend the International Helicopter Exposition where she was honored for her accomplishment.

Olson, who works at Bombardier Aerospace as an avionics-troubleshooting technician, said she was nominated for the award by the company's training coordinator.

She's been with the company for about four years and said working in the field of avionics is very rewarding.

"I really enjoy my jobs, both at Bombardier and at the rescue squadron. In fact, working as a reservist has helped me learn even more about avionics and has given me the opportunity to share my knowledge with others," Olson said.

According to Master Sgt. Eric Shiver, avionics supervisor, Olson is a "good role model for the younger troops."

"It's great having someone of her caliber working with us – she's a real go getter," he said.

Olson admits that her love of avionics transcends work and just about every facet of her life involves aviation.

She is the vice president of the Tucson chapter of Women in Aviation, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in professional avionics at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and recently completed private pilot's ground school training.

"I eat, sleep and dream avionics. There's no other job in the world I'd rather be doing," she said.

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# **Air Force Television News**

Air Force Television News is featuring the following topics in their Feb. 20 edition. Watch the Desert Lightning Channel, (Cox Cable Channel 75) to view the program or the local Public Broadcasting System times are to be determined.

- Air Force carries aid to India earthquake victims
- ◆ President promises military pay raise in 2002
- ◆ AFTV News examines The State of USAFE
- **♦** The Defense Department position on depleted uranium featuring the 355th **Equipment Maintenance Squadron and** 358th Fighter Squadron
- ◆ Depleted uranium effective A-10 asset
- ◆ Bush administration orders review of civilian hiring policies
- Maintainers get close-up look at proposed Joint Strike Fighters
- ◆ Air Force offers Florida part of Homestead Air Reserve Station
- ◆ Ceremony merges Air Intelligence Agency with Air Combat

Command

◆ The people who keep Cheyenne Mountain operating

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# Housing

## **Continued from Page 1**

Wilkes said.

Staff Sgt. Curtis Dickie, 355th Communications Squadron, and his family are the first to occupy one of the new homes. "Welcome home Sergeant Dickie," Wilkes said.

"This home is very nice," Dickie said after seeing the new housing unit for the first time. "It's much nicer than anything we could have afforded downtown, and much nicer than the house we are moving from."

The street layout in the new housing project changed from the old street layout. The new homes will open in three phases, said Beth Wilson, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, chief of facilities element. The new street design provides three courts, Sunset, Catalina and Cholla with 16, 21 and 27 homes, respectively. Sunset is the first to open.

Wilson expects Catalina Court to open in April and Cholla Court in May. The new homes have many amenities older D-M housing units do not have, according to Wilson. They include vertical blinds all windows, carpeted bedroom floors, all wood cabinets and ceiling fans throughout, installed icemaker, self-cleaning ovens, single attached garage with door opener, private patio wall, French doors opening to the patio with a screen door, increased storage area, two and a-half baths, one-piece faux marble lavatory sinks, one-piece tub/shower units, better sound proofing between units to decrease noise, drip irrigation with a



Col. Bobby Wilkes, 355th Wing commander, and Luke Dickie, son of the new residents, dedicate the new housing area during a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday. desert landscape, and increased laundry room size compared to older housing units.

The new units also have telephone and television cable hook-ups in all rooms, including the larger laundry room. "This is an upgrade," Wilson said. "In older units the government was only responsible for two telephone hook-ups."

Residents were given the option of making a Do It Yourself Move or having a moving company move their families to the new units.

# Air Force Print News

# Lockheed to give A-10 new attack capabilities

By Linda de France

Aerospace Daily

Lockheed Martin announced, it has entered into a joint effort with the U.S. Air Force to conduct an extensive modification program to add precision attack capability to the entire fleet of A/ OA-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft.

The \$226 million program is the single largest upgrade ever for the A-10, according to company officials. Called "Precision Engagement," the project actually rolls six separate modification pieces into one.

It will bring more capabilities to the warfighter sooner and for less money than the Air Force had originally planned, according to Stephen Ramsey, vice president aerospace systems, **Lockheed Martin Systems Integration** 

"We're going to save the government \$150 million with this program for precision engagement and we're going to bring it in a year earlier than they otherwise would have had it. And we're going to bring in additional capability which they would not have had, absent this recent contract action that we're announcing," Ramsey told reporters at the Air Force Association's annual Air Warfare Symposium.

The contract is for \$74 million for the engineering, manufacturing and development (EMD) phase through 2004, with \$152 million for follow-on production.

All 367 jets currently in the fleet will receive the modification from 2005-07.

The contract combines multiple upgrade requirements into one program that is executable within available funding, saves the Air Force about \$150 million from the price of doing each upgrade as a standalone project, and accelerates the schedule by a year.

Furthermore, doing the six modification efforts at once - which will take



about two months per aircraft to complete - means the jets won't have to be pulled out of service several separate

The A-10 first became operational in 1972, and the last one was built in 1983, but the aircraft performed so well during Operation Desert Storm the Air Force decided to keep it flying until the year 2028.

However, the service realized the aircraft would have to be modernized, and was going to a variety of contractors for such upgrades as the Low Altitude and Safety Targeting Enhancement computer mod, a different contractor for INS/GPS, "pursuing kind of a shotgun approach to getting things done for the A-10," said Bill Paradies, company A/OA-10 program manager. The service decided to consolidate its modification efforts and ran a competition for a single contractor in 1997, which Lockheed Martin Systems Integration - Owego won that December, Paradies said.

The A-10, which is designed for lowaltitude attack against ground targets, currently lacks a sensor for medium altitude identification. Additionally, the Maverick is its only "precision" weapon - it relies on general purpose bombs and its GAU-8 gun. It has voice-only communications with no data-link for coordination.

These traits limit its airborne forward air controller, close air support and air interdiction missions.

The Air Force had plans and funds to upgrade the aircraft with three programs by adding a Digital Stores Management System, digital data link and 1760 smart weapons bus.

But System Integration - Owego believed there were still critical pieces missing necessary to add real enhanced combat capability and added three additional unplanned and unfunded requirements at no extra charge.

The precision engagement package now includes the installation of a DSMS for cockpit interface with weapons systems; new cockpit displays; a Situational Awareness Data Link; a direct current generator upgrade; the integration of guided weapons such as the Joint Direct Attack Munition and Wind Corrected Munitions Dispenser, and integration for some type of future targeting pod, which the service has not yet chosen.

The Air Force has 60 mothballed A-10s at the Aerospace and Regeneration Center and at least 36 of which it have been considered for regeneration, which potentially also could receive the precision engagement package at some point. (Copyright 2001, The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. Reprinted with permission of the pub-

# 'Ecstasy' wreaks agony on Air Force careers

#### By Maj. Jeffrey Palmer

30th Space Wing Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

When a person takes, or "rolls" on, ecstasy, it can be almost like an out-of-body experience. An overwhelming sense of euphoria takes over, with all the senses peaked to maximum capacity. Ordinary things take on extraordinary dimensions.

For some, ecstasy sounds pretty cool. But what is really happening when you take ecstasy?

Ecstasy, or methylenedioxy methamphetamine MDMA, is a powerful chemical compound which harms neurons that release serotonin, a chemical in the brain that is thought to play an important role in regulating memory and other functions.

Ecstasy also increases your heart rate and body temperature and can lead to severe dehydration. At the University of California at Santa Barbara, a student recently died of cardiac arrest during her first and only use of ecstasy. Also, the muscles in the jaw contract involuntarily, causing teeth grinding.

Frequently, the cheek lining and tongue are chewed without the user realizing it, so an infant pacifier is a standard piece of the drug user's paraphernalia.

In people who use ecstasy, the lasting effects include significant impairments in visual and verbal memory, impairments in other cognitive functions, such as the ability to sustain attention or reason verbally.

The first studies of the neurotoxic effects of ecstasy occurred more than seven years ago on research animals. Today, the animals are brain damaged.

One conclusion drawn from these studies is that the effects of ecstasy are long-lasting and possibly permanent.

Perhaps some are willing to put their body through that experience and risk the dangers of side effects, but at what personal cost? At Vandenberg, there were five ecstasy courts-martial last year. There were also a few ecstasy users who received Article 15 punishments and discharges.

Each of those young people's lives has changed forever. I seriously doubt that any of them considered the full impact ecstasy would have on their careers or their futures when they "rolled."

In 2000, the number of ecstasy investigations conducted by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations increased by more than 400 percent from 1999. Air Force-wide, the number of positive urinalysis tests for ecstasy increased by more than 200 percent from 1999. While it has quickly become the drug of choice for young people across the country, it's now encroaching on the Air Force.

Where does it all end?

Well, if you're in the Air Force it has to end here and now. Education is one of the keys to deterring illegal drug use by our people. (See related story on Page 10)

# Langley airman sentenced for drug use

A board of officers found Airman 1st Class Stephanie Collins guilty of multiple uses of ecstasy in a general court-martial Feb. 15.

Collins was sentenced to 30 days confinement, 90 days hard labor without confinement, 60 days restriction, reduction in rank to the grade of E-1 and loss of \$100 in pay per month for five months.

Maximum punishment for these charges in a general court-martial is forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for five years and a dishonorable discharge.

# Mildenhall airman convicted of drug use, sentenced

Airman 1st Class Marco Pena Jr. was found guilty of illegal drug use and sentenced to reduction to airman, 15 days confinement, and a bad conduct discharge Feb. 14

During the special court-martial hearing, Pena Jr. pled guilty before a military judge and a jury of officers to two specifications of violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for use of the controlled substances marijuana and ecstasy.

# Retention ... grass isn't necessarily greener on the outside

By Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne

15th Air Base Wing Career Assistance Advisor

What drives enlisted folks out of the Air

Why do they stay?

What can we do to make the Air Force a more attractive career option?

I figure if I had these questions, some others

So, I decided to get some answers.

A couple months ago the results of the latest "exit" survey were released.

People who are walking out the door complete this survey and their input is pretty candid.

The number one reason enlisted folks are leaving?

Availability of civilian jobs.

OK, I can buy that.

After all, the economy's been strong for a decade

There are tons of jobs out there, with the unemployment rate the lowest it's been in years.

There's even talk about raising the minimum wage!

But what about all the "great" jobs people talk about when they're leaving the Air Force.

I took a look at Fortune Magazine's "Top 100 companies to work for" to find out what the draw is.

First, I looked at a company called Qualcomm. I'm not a techie, but I think they're one of those high-tech firms that has run a

great business the last couple years. Their growth rate for 1999? Of 90,000 applicants, they had minus 451 positions open up. Not a typo. Negative growth. Starting pay for a senior material coordinator? \$28,000 a year.

Maybe that was a fluke. Next I looked at USAA. They had 44,700 applicants that resulted in minus 163 jobs. Math isn't my strong point, but I think the odds of getting rich might be better in Vegas. The pay is pretty good though. For a customer account professional the starting salary is just \$8,000 less per year than a senior airman with four years service makes.

One more ... Southwest Airlines is one of the top five companies to work for. 144,500 applicants, 1,314 new jobs. Their most common entry-level job pays \$17,000 per year. But if you land a job with them as a programmer/analyst, you can expect to make the same amount a staff sergeant with eight years' service makes.

Maybe the availability of jobs really isn't the answer.

Next on the list of reasons enlisted members leave is pay and allowances. Fair enough.

Back to the list of the best companies to work for. We already talked about the pay. American Express prides itself in that 90 percent of their employees give the company high marks for treating women and minorities fairly. Maybe we should lower our standard to 90 percent.

What about the high-tech world?

SAS Institute, a major software developer, has a state-of-the-art fitness center, a clinic and subsidized child-care. I guess they took a tour of an Air Force base when they were laying out their facilities.

Here's another example: FedEx offers 48 hours of professional training a year. Last time I checked, the Air Force probably offered at least that much.

Still no answer I'm satisfied with. So, I looked at the next three reasons that force people out the door. I just got a new set of glasses so I had to look again — no mistake. The reasons are recognition of one's efforts, leadership at the unit level and job satisfac-

Things that don't cost a penny but end up costing us years of experience when people walk out the door.

Unbelievable but true. Those three reasons cause discontent with our employees. I took a look at some startling data from several human resources firms in the civilian sector and found out we're not alone! Lack of recognition and poor job satisfaction are the leading causes for employees to "job hop" on the other side of the fence.

What's the moral of the story? If your folks are thinking about leaving the Air Force, I hope you'll point out that the grass isn't always greener on the other side of the fence ... in a lot of cases, it's still just grass. But more importantly, by taking steps to correct those things we control -- like recognition of one's efforts, leadership at the unit level and job satisfaction -- you won't put yourself in the position of having to explain the color of grass.

Where are 355th Wing members serving? This time last year, **54** members of the 355th Wing were deployed.

# Welcome to Davis-Monthan

Maj. Gen. Donald LaMontagne, Air Combat Command **Director of Aerospace Operations** Retired Maj. Gen. Bill Anders Retired Brig. Gen. Reg Urschler

#### Brig. Gen. David Robinson, ACC/DO-MA North America: 46 **Retired Col. Frank Borman ACC Heritage Flight/Demo Conference Attendees** Central America: South America: **355th Wing Flying Goals** AEF 3/4 (Apr-Jun): 15 42nd 43rd 354th 357th 358th Sorties Hours AEF 1 (Jan-Mar): ACCS **ECS** 74 Goal 483 385 340 232 354 Total: 153 342 362 486 Flown 262 390 373 Delta 15 22 19 355th Mission Support Squadron Other locations -- 0 FY 2001 56 50 26 137 23 75 Current as of Monday Personnel Readiness Unit Current as of Wednesday





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**By Col. Rocco Lamurro** 355th Wing Staff Judge Advocate

One of the more serious problems we face as a disciplined military force is drug abuse

Despite the many warnings given to airmen and officers, some choose to use, possess or distribute controlled substances like marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, LSD and ecstasy (see related story on Page 7).

In an average month at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, we have five or six courts-martial on the docket, three to four Article 15 actions and numerous administrative discharges all involving drugs.

Right now, we have 11 cases pending disposition, all of which involve ecstasy.

As the staff judge advocate for the 355th Wing, I provide advice to commanders who must decide what actions to take against these members.

## Many factors

Each case is different and the outcome depends on many factors.

First and foremost is the strength of the evidence.

Members may confess, be caught by undercover agents or during unit inspections or be turned in by their "friends."

A member's use may be detected during a random or commander-directed urinalysis.

Some members become so drug dependent, they show up to work intoxicated. Eventually, they are discovered because they cannot perform their job.

# Illegal drug use ... Service before Self?

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It always saddens me to see a young airman, just starting out in life, leave the Air Force with a bad conduct discharge.

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We also consider the drug

Some drugs pose a more serious threat to good order and discipline and call for a tougher response.

A third factor is whether the member involved other Air Force members, minors or members of the civilian community.

How often did the member use or encourage others to

Was the member selling? How much?

Another factor is the drug quantity and quality.

Finally, we look at the member -- was he or she a good airman or was the drug involvement part of an on-going pattern of misconduct?

A commander has several options to choose from in responding to substantiated drug

involvement: reprimand, punishment under Article 15, special court-martial or general court-martial.

These options may lead to punitive discharges (if adjudged in a court-martial) or to involuntary administrative discharge actions.

Because Air Force Instructions dictate that drug involvement is incompatible with continued military service, in the vast majority of cases the member's career comes to an abrupt end and the member receives less than an honorable discharge.

Tragically, members risk loss of retirement and VA benefits, get a felony conviction, lose rank, pay and allowances, and earn punitive discharges and confinement in prison for using drugs.

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young airman, just starting out in life, leave the Air Force with a bad conduct discharge.

It may be years before that person can overcome that black mark on his record -- a record reviewed by almost all prospective employers.

However, even if the Air Force did not have a single administrative or punitive deterrent against drug use, I would still be at a loss to explain why someone motivated enough to go through basic training or a commissioning program would choose to use drugs.

#### No sense

It makes no sense to me why a drug user would want to join a relatively closed community whose core values -- integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do -- are completely inconsistent with a drug user's lifestyle.

It makes even less sense for someone who is already an Air Force member to start using drugs.

The Air Force requires clear thinking, positively motivated men and women who can employ the most advanced defense technology on demand to protect our country.

We need dedicated, loyal members who are truthful and reliable.

Our mission requires teamwork and trust.

I ask all airmen, before making a tragic mistake, please think hard about using recreational drugs.

Drug users will never fit in the Air Force picture!

# Services Bucks add up to nearly free club membership

**By Steve Jacobs** 

355th Services Squadron

Since their debut two years ago this month, Services Bucks have become a popular, convenient and money-saving benefit of club membership.

"We originally introduced them," said Lt. Col. Mike Archuleta, 355th Services Squadron commander, "as a service to club members, to be used at services facilities on base. All dues-paying members of D-M clubs receive Services Bucks every month."

He went on, "Members soon found out that Services Bucks cut the cost of membership to little or nothing. In fact, some members actually make money on the deal!"

"The way it works," Archuleta explained, "is that O' Club members, who pay \$16 a month in dues, get \$15 in Services Bucks.

By spending their Services Bucks, they end up paying just a dollar each month to belong to the club."

"But it's even better than that for members of the Desert Oasis Club," he added.
"Their dues are \$5 or \$7 a month, depending on grade, but they get \$10 back in Services Bucks. That means that many of our enlisted club members are being paid to belong to the club!

"In January, Services Bucks began a new era – they're now accepted off base as well as on. Much of the credit for this exciting concept goes to our commercial sponsorship manager Sonia Baca, who has been busy signing up local businesses to take part in the Services Bucks program.

"Now, our members save \$1 at all local Chuy's and Pizza Hut restaurants, El Charro Café at El Mercado, the Flandrau Science Center, Gateway Ice Center, Golf n' Stuff, and McDonald's on Craycroft. They save \$2 at all Tucson Papa John's Pizza restaurants.

"Bruegger's Bagel Bakery joins the list in April, with more to follow in upcoming months."

Services Bucks are spent one at a time, just like cash, except that no change is returned on purchases of less than \$1. Some minor limitations may apply when using Services Bucks off base. On base they're good at more than a dozen services facilities, but are not valid for some youth programs, to pay dues or charges to a member's club account, at the Desert Inn Dining Facility or the Inn on Davis-Monthan (lodging).

Club membership is better – and less expensive – than ever. To find out more, call the Officers' Club at 748-0660, or the Desert Oasis at 748-8666.

# — Health Focus

# Food and Fitness --Health for a lifetime

**By Army Lt. Col. Joan Lyon** *U.S. Army Nutrition Staff Officer* 

It's March, Spring is on its way, National Nutrition Month is here, and it's time to celebrate! What's there to celebrate? Good health for your lifetime! Have you already discovered that good nutrition and increased physical activity are a dynamic duo?

Here are just some ways healthy food choices and regular physical activity help you achieve your mental, physical and emotional best. They:

- ♦ boost your energy level, strength, and endurance
- ♦ help build and maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints
- improve your physical performance
- ♦ strengthen your mental stamina
- ♦ improve your mood and attitude
  - enhance your appearance
- reduce your risk of chronic disease

In August 1999, the American College of Sports Medicine, The American Dietetic Association and the International Food Information Council jointly published the results of a collaborative research survey about healthy lifestyles.

The survey results revealed a powerful consensus, and caused nutrition and physical activity professionals to agree that balanced nutrition and regular physical activity are essential for a healthy lifestyle. A quick look at local magazine stands will confirm that nutrition and fitness information is a hot commodity for the American public.

Despite common knowledge that nutrition and physical activity are beneficial to health, there are still large gaps between Americans' knowledge and actual practice. Unhealthy eating behaviors and

physical inactivity are serious national health problems. Annually, poor diet and lack of physical activity account for more than 300,000 deaths and cost Americans an about \$250 billion in medical costs and lost productivity. Surprisingly, more than 60 percent of American adults are not regularly active and 25 percent are not active at all. Sadly, this trend is not limited to adults. More than a third of young people aged 12-21 years do not engage in vigorous physical activity regularly. Participation in high school physical education is no longer mandatory and, in fact, has dropped over the past decade from 42 percent in 1991 to 27 percent in 1997. With regard to nutrition, the statistics are equally grim. Only 27 percent of adult women, 19 percent of adult men, and 30 percent of young people eat the recommended five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day. The known benefits of eating five servings per day include: reduced risk of developing heart disease, cancer, stroke, hypertension, and cataracts. Additionally, we learn new information about the antioxidant and phytochemical properties of fruits and vegetables on a daily basis. However, two out of three Americans are not taking advantage of this powerful preventive medicine.

Although statistics show that the percentage of calories from total fat, saturated fat and cholesterol in our diets has decreased slightly, don't be fooled. In fact, this apparent reduction is because we consume more total calories than we did a decade ago, while fat intake remains about the same.

Therefore, the percentage of calories from fat has decreased.

Decreasing physical activity and increasing caloric intakes are the primary reasons for the American trend toward overweight and obesity. Obvious reductions in activity level include labor saving devices such as automobiles, mass transit and power tools such as riding lawnmowers and dishwashers. Additionally, leisure time is often spent doing sedentary activities such as watching television, playing computer games and surfing the web, rather than playing ball, riding bicycles or gardening.

So what can you do to improve your own nutrition and fitness?

First, be practical and realistic. Set your goals for small changes over time. Physical activity doesn't have to be strenuous and it doesn't have to include sweating over exercise equipment in a gym. Look for ways to be more active in your daily life. At work, take the stairs instead of the elevator. Walk down the hall instead of using the phone or e-mail. Take a walk during your morning or afternoon break. People of all ages benefit from moderate physical activity such as 30 minutes of brisk walking five or more times per week. If 30 minutes at one time won't work for you, aim for two 15-minute or even three 10minute sessions. At home, do those indoor chores with zeal -scrub that tub or stand up to do leg stretches while you fold the clothes. Get down on the floor and play with your children.

Anything that increases your activity level counts! The Dietary Guidelines Alliance "It's All About

You" campaign encourages increased physical activity with the following message — "Walk the dog, don't just watch the dog walk!"

There are two easy ways to improve your nutrition. Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables per day and drink plenty of cool clear water. First, let's talk about fruits and vegetables. This is definitely a case where more is better! When you eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day, you are more likely to get essential vitamins, minerals and fiber and less fat and calories than are those who do not meet this goal. Be adventurous - try a variety of brightly colored fruits and vegetables. Also, be flexible, it's okay to eat three servings one day and seven the next. The key is to average out a minimum of five each day.

Now let's focus on water. Water is necessary to maintain blood circulation, body temperature and cell function; digest and absorb nutrients; and excrete body waste. The amount you need varies by weight and activity level.

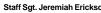
Most adults need 8-12 cups of water per day for maintenance. You need more when your activity level increases and when the outdoor temperature is high. It is a good idea to get some of your requirement from cool, clear water, but juices, coffee, tea, milk and other beverages count as well.

Nutrition and fitness are synergistic. Practiced in combination, the two are more powerful then either practiced alone. Being physically active means you can eat a wider variety and larger quantity of healthy foods.

In addition, healthy eating fuels physical activity across your lifetime.

Challenge yourself to incorporate healthy food choices and physical activity into your daily life.





# Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

Name: Airman 1st Class Destiny Fowler

**Organization:** 355th Operations Support Squadron

**Duty title:** Air Traffic Control Apprentice

Hometown: Shirley, Maine

Years of service: One year, six months

Why did you join the Air Force: Travel and educa-

Main responsibilities: Direct and expedite the flow of air traffic to the runway while ensuring the safety of all the aircraft in the airspace

Best aspects of your job: Seeing something differ-

ent every day; and always learning

Career goals: Complete facility certification Hobbies/outside activities: Outside activities, including rock climbing, biking and hanging out with friends

What do you like best about D-M: The location What has been your best assignment; why: Davis-Monthan is my first assignment

# Tax tips

(Editor's note: As the federal income tax filing deadline nears, the Desert Airman will run articles to help people with tax-related questions. The articles are provided as a public service by ARAContent.com and printed with the permission of the publisher. The last article in this series will be published April 13.)

## What's new for 2000 taxes?

There are a number of tax law changes that may apply to you when you file your tax return this year. These changes may mean the difference between getting a tax refund and paying more taxes. See the instructions in your tax package for more information on these 2000 modifications.

#### "Checkbox" Disclosure Authorization

— Taxpayers may check a box to authorize the IRS to discuss any processing problems with the paid preparer who signs the return. This will reduce the correspondence burden on taxpayers by allowing the IRS to resolve processing issues through a phone call to the preparer. It does not authorize the preparer to represent the taxpayer in any post-processing matters, such as examinations or collection notices.

#### **New Definition of "Eligible Foster Child"**

— A third requirement has been added to the qualifications of a person to be an eligible foster child for either the Child Tax Credit or the Earned Income Tax Credit. The child must now be the taxpayer's brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister or a descendant of one of these, or must have been placed with the taxpayer by an authorized placement agency. In addition, the taxpayer must have cared for the child as his or her own and the child must have lived with the taxpayer for the whole year.

### **Student Loan Interest Deduction**

— Taxpayers may deduct up to \$2,000 of interest paid on a qualified student loan during the first 60 months of the loan's repayment schedule. The 1999 limit was \$1,500. A person does not have to itemize deductions to claim this benefit, but he/she cannot be claimed as a dependent, nor be a married person filing separately. The deduction is not available for those with incomes above \$55,000 (\$75,000 for a married couple filing jointly).

#### IRA Deduction

— The income limits for deducting traditional IRA contributions that apply to workers covered by an employer retirement plan are higher this year. The following workers can generally deduct at least \$200 of contributions: a single person or head of household with income under \$42,000; a married person filing jointly or a qualifying widow(er) with income under \$62,000. If only one spouse is covered by a plan, the other spouse may make deductible IRA contributions if their joint income is under \$160,000.

# Reporting Capital Gain Distributions on Form 1040A

— Taxpayers whose only capital gains or losses are capital gain distributions from mutual funds may now report these gains on line 10 of Form 1040A, unless any of the gains are from the sale of collectibles, depreciable

# Korean War remembered



(Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (through the next two years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman is chronicling the signifi-

cant events.) The following significant Air Force events occurred during this week in 1951:

United Nations ground forces continued to advance slowly and methodically, pushing the front line an average of 30 miles northward. After friendly troops crossed the Han River east and west of Seoul, communist forces abandoned the city.

Aerial reconnaissance revealed new revetment and runway construction at North Korean airfields, but communist aircraft rarely appeared over the front lines. The enemy emplaced extensive antiaircraft batteries around such important North Korean cities as Pyongyang and Sinuiju, which UN aircraft frequently raided. Introducing a new tactic, the 5th Air Force equipped some B-26 aircraft to detect and destroy hostile radar sites. B-29s returned to northwest Korea on interdiction missions that provoked MiG-15 attacks. To protect the Superfortresses, 5th Air Force flew F-86 fighters out of Taegu and Suwon. Air-to-air

combat consequently increased, especially in the Sinuiju and Sinanju areas in northwest Korea. B-29 enlisted gunners scored three of five aerial victories during March.

Continuing to rotate B-29 bombing missions among three groups, Far East Air Forces Bomber Command in almost 800 sorties dropped 6, 372 tons of bombs, mostly on interdiction targets in North Korea. Many sorties lasted nine hours and more.

March 1: Far East Air Forces Bomber Command B-29s launched the first mission of a new interdiction campaign. Twenty-two F-80s sent to escort 18 B-29s over Kogunyong, North Korea, arrived ahead of the Superfortresses and returned to base because they were running low on fuel. MiGs attacked the unescorted B-29s, damaging 10, three of which had to land in South Korea. One B-29 gunner brought down a

**March 3:** A new shipment of tarzon bombs arrived in the Far East, allowing Far East Air Forces to resume raids, suspended since Jan. 17, with the large guided weapons.

**March 4:** Fifty-one C-119s dropped 260 tons of supplies to the 1st Marine Division in the largest air-drop of the month.

**March 6:** 334th Fighter Interceptor Squadron used Suwon as a staging base from which F-86 Sabres began raiding the Yalu River area, where they had been absent for months.

real property or qualified small business stock. These taxpayers will use a worksheet located in the instructions to get the benefits of the lower capital gains tax rates when figuring their tax.

## **Estimated Tax Penalty Relief**

— A taxpayer whose 1999 AGI was more than \$150,000 will not face an estimated tax penalty if the withholding and estimated tax payments for 2000 are at least 108.6 percent of the 1999 tax liability. This rate increases to 110 percent of the 2000 tax liability for 2001 payments.

#### **Standard Mileage Rates**

— Taxpayers may deduct 32 cents a mile for all business miles driven during 2000.

#### **Inflation adjustments for 2000**

The filing requirements, personal exemption, standard deduction and maximum Earned Income Tax Credit amounts are adjusted each year for inflation.

— The 2000 gross income filing requirements are:

Single -- \$ 7,200; Head of household -- \$ 9,250; Married filing jointly -- \$12,950; Married filing separately -- \$ 2,800; Qualifying widow(er) -- \$10,150

Different amounts apply if the taxpayer or spouse is age 65 or older, or if the taxpayer can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return. There are also other specific situations which require the filing of a return, such as when the net earnings from self-employment are \$400 or more.

— The personal exemption amount for 2000

is \$2,800 - \$50 more than last year. Higher income taxpayers may have to reduce the personal exemption amount they claim if their adjusted gross income exceeds:

Single -- \$ 128,950; Head of household -- \$ 161,150; Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) -- \$ 193,400; Married filing separately -- \$ 96,700

These taxpayers use a worksheet in the tax package to figure their exemption.

— The standard deduction amounts for 2000

Single -- \$ 4,400; Head of household -- \$ 6,450; Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) -- \$ 7,350; Married filing separately - \$ 3,675

Different amounts apply if the taxpayer or spouse is blind or is age 65 or older, or if the taxpayer can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return.

— The Earned Income Tax Credit amounts for 2000 are:

Qualifying child/Income Limit/Max. Credit/Income for Max. Credit

One/\$ 27,413/\$ 2,353/\$ 6,920/\$12,690 Two or more/\$ 31,152/\$ 3,888/\$ 9,720/ \$12.690

None/\$ 10,380/\$353/\$ 4,610/\$ 5,770

The maximum amount of investment income a person may have and still be eligible for this credit increased to \$2,400. For further details on tax law changes, download a copy of Publication 553, Highlights of 1999 Tax Changes, from <a href="https://www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a> or you can order a free copy by calling the IRS at (800) 829-3676.

# **Sports Shorts**

## **Coming attractions**

The Intramural/Over-30 Basketball All-Star games are at 6 and 7 p.m. today at the Fitness Center.

A six-team Round Robin basketball challenge with Fort Huachuca is March 10 at the Fitness Center.

The Air Force 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is March 24 at the Fitness Center. The winner from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base advances to the Air Combat Command championship (see related story below).

Call the Fitness Center at 8-3714 for more information on any of these events.

## Pool playoffs

Tuesday is the last day for 8-ball players to enter Air Combat Command's Swim with the Sharks Tournament, at the Desert Oasis

Base playoffs, which start Wednesday, determine which team travels to Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C., April 25-27, for the ACC finals. Playoffs continue at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. Teams consist of two players; both must belong to the Desert Oasis Club.

Base winners get a \$100 club credit and carry-on luggage for their trip. Members of ACC's top three teams win airline travel vouchers -- \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second and \$250 for third.

Sponsors are Allied Domecq Spirits U.S.A., and First USA Bank (no federal endorsement intended). Call Wendy Decatur or Jerry Kennedy at the club, 748-8666, for additional information.

## Late-night hoops

Basketball players, 13-15, are invited to sign up for Late Night Hoops at the youth center. The eight-week program begins March 9, and runs from 9-11 p.m. Fridays. Snacks and beverages will be available each week. Cost for the program is \$25 per player. Find out more by calling 8-8373.

## ACC 3-on-3 tourney

Active-duty teams are needed for the Air Combat Command 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.

The men's and women's teams placing first in base playoffs will travel to Offutt AFB, Neb., for the ACC championships, May 6-12. Each team includes three players and an alternate.

Base playoffs are March 24 at the Fitness Center. Entries must be submitted by March 19. Gatorade sponsors the annual event (no federal endorsement intended). Register at the Fitness Center, or phone 8-3714 for details.

## Lanes reopen Monday

After being closed for a month, the bowling center will reopen Monday with 20 new lanes, approaches and automatic bumpers. The wood-composite lanes and approaches glow in the dark. Find out more by calling the D-M Lanes at 8-3461.

## Skeet and trap open weekends

D-M's modern skeet and trap ranges open at 8 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Military shooters pay \$3 a round; civilians pay \$3.50. Per-round savings are available for purchasers of annual range fees.

Ranges are at the east end of Yuma Road, adjacent to the small arms range. Call Outdoor Recreation at 8-3736.

#### Youth basketball

Youth basketball home games are Saturdays at the youth center gym. Several away games and out-of-towners are scheduled for 13-15 year-olds.

Spectators are welcome; come cheer on your favorite team! Call Kathy Sands at 8-8373 for more information.

#### Aerobics instructors needed

Certified aerobics instructors are needed

for classes at the fitness center. Openings are for both volunteer and paid instructors. Especially needed are instructors for earlymorning classes. Call Jay Junsay at 8-3714.

## Belly dancing class

A new belly dancing instructor is offering classes every Wednesday at the Fitness Center.

The beginner class runs from 6:40-7:40 p.m. and an intermediate class runs from 7:40-8:40 p.m. Cost for the beginner class is \$20 per month (four sessions); cost for the intermediate class is \$30 for two months (eight sessions). Interested individuals can sign up at the Fitness Center, or call 8-3714 for more information.

## Aerobics, exercise classes

The Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center offers a lineup of exercise and aerobics classes each week (instructor name in parentheses). Call 8-3714 for more information.

**Monday** - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10-1 p.m. - Spinning (Corinne); 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Aerobics (Rumiko); 6:45-8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

**Tuesday** - 8-9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit training (Corinne); 6:15-8:15 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)

**Wednesday** - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10-1:10 p.m. - Kick boxing (Corinne); 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Belly dancing I (Basheera); 7:30-8:30 p.m. - Belly dancing II (Basheera)

**Thursday** - 10-11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10-1:10 p.m. - Training (Corinne); 5-6 p.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 6:10-8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)

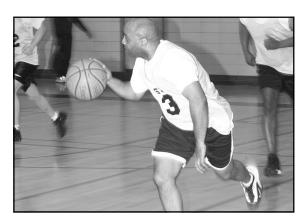
**Friday** - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10-1 p.m. - Spinning (Corinne); 4:30-6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

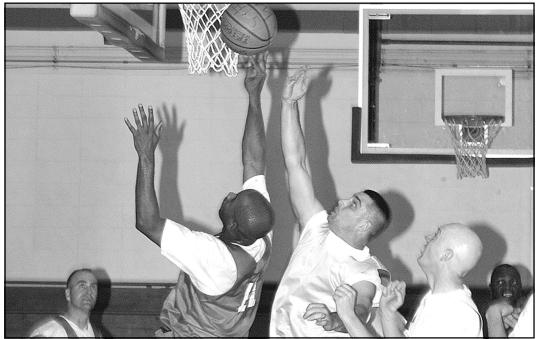
**Saturday** - 10-11 a.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko)

## SVS still No. 1

The SVS Over-30 team took an undefeated 10-0 record to the court Monday against MSS, who at 8-3, was looking to topple this year's powerhouse team. MSS gave it a valiant effort, but they were no match for the tougher SVS players, going down to a 21-point defeat, 49-28. (Below) SVS point guard Frank Williams brings the ball down the court. (Right) MSS' Bruce Gooch and

SVS Hutnik battle for the rebound during. The Over-30 All-Star game is at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Fitness Center, followed by the Intramural All-Star game at 7:30 p.m.





Photos by Airman 1st Class Maryann Walke

# Scoreboard

# Basketball Intramural Mon/Wed

(as of Wednesday)

Team 357 FS 12 AF 43 ECS 6-2 6-2 354 FS SFS CS 41 ECS MDG 2-6 1-7 42 ACCS **CPTS** 

## Intramural Tues/Thurs

(as of Wednesday) Team SVS TRANS 8-2 MSS 5-5 5-5 SUPS 25 OWS **EMS** CRS 3-7 1-9 DECA 358 FS 162 FW (ANG)

# Over-30

Team

SVS	11-0
CES	9-2
LSS	9-3
SFS	7-3
MSS	8-4
12 AF	7-5
25 OWS	6-5
43 ECS	6-6
MDG	5-5
SUPS	5-5
42 ACCS	5-6

CS

41 ECS

OSS 354 FS

# **Bowling**

5-6

3-8

# Intramural -American

(Week 22) Team W-L MDG #2 115-53 41 ECS #2 106-62 42 ACCS #2 100-68 MDG #1 96-72 CONS 92-76 41 ECS #1 87-81 OSS 80-88 42 ACCS #1 80-88 43 ECS 24-14 High Scratch Game (Team): 24-144 41 ECS #1, 874 High Scratch Series (Team): 41 ECS #1, 2538

High Scratch Game (Men):

High Scratch Series (Men):

Donald Karstetter, 267

Donald Karstetter, 646

High Scratch Game (Women): D. Patterson, 170 High Scratch Series (Women): D. Patterson, 439

#### Intramural -National (Week 22)

<u>Team</u>

<u>W-L</u> 103-65 SVS 12 AF #1 93-75 AMARC 93-75 AMMO 90-78 MSS 87-81 **SUPS** 86-82 CRS 86-82 12 AF #3 82-86 COMM **25 OWS** TRANS 72-96 High Scratch Game (Team): AMARC, 1107 High Scratch Series (Team): AMARC, 2945 High Scratch Game (Men): Billy Davidson, 288 High Scratch Series (Men): Billy Davidson, 724 High Scratch Game (Women): P. Trezevant, 184 High Scratch Series (Women): P. Trezevant, 483

# **Tuesday Early** Risers

(Week 20)

Team Hit & Miss <u>W-L</u> 96-64 94-66 The Monarchs OUI 3 94-66 Ally Kats 80-80 Hot Cats

Dream Catchers Wee Bee Bad 71-89 Soon's Runway 56-104 High Scratch Game (Team): Hit & Miss, 515 High Scratch Series (Team): Hit & Miss, 1391 High Scratch Game: Arlene Cook, 203 High Scratch Series: Margot

72-88

#### **Phantom Mixed**

Schoell, 485

(Week 17)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L
The Cajuns	91-45
Strike Force	88-48
So So's	84-52
Lucky Seven	81-55
Strikebusters	80-56
The Dizzy Four	74-62
Alley Oops	69-67
Sweet Revenge	58-78
Avengers	58-78
Six Pack	55-81
Rat Pack	46-90

#### **OWC** (Week 18)

Team Lady Flyers KIDDS 82-62 82-62 Covotes Splitsters The Eastsiders 76-68 Alley Cats 70-74 70-74

Snuffers High Scratch Game: Dru Dickensheet, 181 High Scratch Series: Donata Oliver, 515

**D-M Pinrollers** 

(Week 20)

The Dream Catchers 114-82 Uh Huh Girls 106-50 Team 5 87-73 Annie's Girls 85-75 83-77 L-A-D-Y 80-80 Team 6 79-81 Kachina Dolls 62-90 High Scratch Game (Team): Uh Huh Girls, 662 High Scratch Series (Team): Uh Huh Girls, 1930 High Scratch Game: Mary Stennis, 208 High Scratch Series: Georgia Barnes, 527

## **CE Mixed**

(Week 17)

Team

B.Is' Bunns

Good Bad & Ugly	7-5
lust 4 Fun	7-5
Fire Dawgs	7-5
∕IILF's	6-6
The Cans	5-7
HVAC	5-7
Brew Crew	5-7
Now N Then	5-7
Old Timers	3-9
High Scratch Game	(Men):
Matt Lundh, 257	
High Scratch Series	(Men):
Matt Lundh, 662	
High Scratch Game	
Women): Gail John	son, 179
High Scratch Series	
Women): Gail John	son, 486

# Thursday Night

(Week 20)

The Prickly Pairs 104-56

PBJs	92-68
Mission Impossible	90-70
Desert Strikers	88-72
Lickity Splits	87-73
Four Seas	86-74
Road Runners	80-80
Cool Cs	76-84
BMs	75-85
Nice-N-Spicy	68-92
Ice Breakers	68-92
Pintendos	56-104
Bucks-N-Does	44-116
High Scratch Game (	Team):
PBJs, 761	
High Scratch Series (	(Team):
PBJs, 2091	
High Scratch Game (	Men):
Ed Carder, 246	
High Scratch Series (	(Men):
Ed Carder, 677	
High Scratch Game	
(Women): Patti Seco	r, 190
High Scratch Series	
(Women): Val Schreit	terer,

#### Friday Nite Fun

(Week 19)

<u>ream</u>	<u>vv-L</u>
Wannabees	100-4
3 Roses & Thorn	86-58
Double Trouble	85-59
AAFES	82-62
The Misfits	80-64
Just Us	80-64
Just Havin' Fun	72-64
More BS	65-79
Gutter Dusters	65-79
O Spare Us	62-82
Kum Cantasi	61-83
High Scratch Game	(Team):
Double Trouble, 738	
High Scratch Series	
Double Trouble, 212	
High Scratch Game	(Men):
Tom Lorentz, 244	

High Scratch Series (Men): Bil Croxton, 653 High Scratch Game (Women): Reda Lowe, 221 High Scratch Series (Women): Kari Snyder, 537

#### **Bantams**

(Week 16)

Team The Dragons 89-39 88-40 N Sync High Handicap Game (Team): N Sync, 739 High Scratch Series (Team): Dragons, 703 High Handicap Series (Boys): Jonathon Willis, 541 High Scratch Series (Boys): John Simon, 142 High Scratch Game (Girls): Sabrina Wayman, 79 High Scratch Series (Girls): Alicia Jones, 235

# Preps/Juniors/ Majors

(Week 15)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L
The Xtremes	82-46
Jaguars	79-49
Alley Cats	76-52
Undertakers	75-53
Unlimited	73-55
Desert Pros	72-56
Fox Hound	62-66
Strikers	60-68
N Sync Fireballs	56-72
Desert Strikers	52-76
The Bulldogs	42-86
Spawn	35-93
High Scratch Game (7	Team):
Desert Pros, 474	
High Scratch Series (	Team):

Spawn, 1648



# **Chapel events**

# Strengthen your marriage

Come to the Marriage Builders seminars sponsored by the chapel. Get information on your present or future marriage needs to survive and thrive. Seminars are from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 4859, which is next to the D-M Fire Station on Phoenix Street. Registration is recommended. Call 8-5411 for more information. Scheduled seminars are as follow:

Today	Gaining and Losing Romance
March 9	Reviving the Romance
March 16	Personality Differences
March 23	<b>Communication Differences</b>
March 30	Sexual Differences
April 6	Money Differences

## Lent and Holy Week schedule

**All Fridays of Lent**: Mass is 5 p.m., Way of the Cross is 5:30 p.m. and Meatless soup supper at Hope Chapel is 6 p.m.

**April 12 (Holy Thursday)**: Liturgy of the Last Supper is at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is from 8 to 12 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**April 13 (Good Friday)**: Celebration of the Lord's Passion is at 3 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**April 14 (Holy Saturday)**: Easter Vigil Mass, Blessing of the Fire/Water, Rite of Initiation

for the Catechumen is at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**April 15 (Easter Sunday)**: Easter mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

## **Chapel Website**

Check out <u>www.dm.af.mil/chapel</u> for scheduled activities at the chapel.



# **On-base clubs**

## Officers' Club

**Today**: Patio Steak Night is from 5 to 8 p.m. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is scheduled.

**Saturday**: Surf and Turf dinner is from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

**Sunday**: Brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Monday**: Club closes at 2 p.m. Barber is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**: Prime rib dinner for two is \$19.95. **Wednesday**: Salad and more buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Thursday**: No evening dining. Members may dine at the Desert Oasis.

## **Desert Oasis Club**

**Today**: Top 3 Lounge opens at 3 p.m. Prime rib dinner special is \$8.95. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is at 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday**: Sports bar opens at 5 p.m. **Sunday**: Club is closed. Cabana opens at 1 p.m.

Monday: Sports Bar open at 4 p.m.

**Tuesday**: Two-for-One Steak Night is from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Bingo is at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday**: 8-ball playoffs are at 6 p.m. **Thursday**: BBQ Buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chinese buffet dinner is from 5 to 8 p.m.

#### Kids eat free at clubs

Children, 10 and under, eat free at the Officers' and Desert Oasis Clubs. The free-dining policy applies to all lunch and dinner service (except holiday buffets), and is valid for children of club members only. For information, call the O' Club at 748-0660, or the Desert Oasis at 748-8666.



# Youth programs

**Today**: Call 8-8465 about the June teen raft trip.

**Saturday**: Youth basketball is at Youth Center. Preteens go to Golf n' Stuff.

**Monday**: Eight-week cheerleading clinic starts. Call 8-8373.

**Tuesday**: Preteen/teen homework help is from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Youth Center. Preteen cooking class is from 6 to 7 p.m. Call 8-8844.

**Wednesday**: Primary cooking class is at the Youth Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

**Thursday**: Preteen/teen computer class is at the Youth Center. Baseball parents meet at

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7 p.m. at the Youth Center.

## Cheerleading clinic

An eight-week cheerleading clinic starts March 5 at the Youth Center. Children 5 through 15 will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays. Shirts, trophies, and pompons cost \$25. Call 8-8373.

## Youths hoop it up at night

Basketball players, ages 13 through 15, are invited to sign up for Late Night Hoops at the Youth Center. The eight-week program begins March 9, and continues Fridays from 9 to 11 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be available. Cost is \$25 per player. Call 8-8373.



# **Community events**

**Today**: See Old Tucson with Information Tickets and Tours March 24. Call 8-3700.

**Saturday**: Outdoor Recreation horseback ride is today. Call 8-3736.

**Monday**: Call Community Center at 8-3717 about dog obedience classes. Bowling Center reopens with new lanes.

**Tuesday**: Toastmasters meet at 11:30 a.m. at the library. Call 8-4381.

**Wednesday**: Belly dance classes are today at gym. Call 8-3714.

**Thursday**: Enter ACC 3-on-3 hoop tourney. Call the gym at 8-3714.

# **Bowling Center reopens**

After being closed for a month, the Bowling Center will reopen Monday with 20 new lanes, approaches and automatic bumpers. The woodcomposite lanes and approaches glow in the dark! Find out more by calling the D-M Lanes at 8-3461.

# Children's library story hour

The Base Library has a children's story hour every Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. Stories will be read and arts and crafts will also be available. Call 8-4381 for more information.

## **Shop Nogales**

Spend March 10 sightseeing and shopping in Nogales, an hour south of Tucson. Nogales' large shopping district is within easy walking distance of the border. Transportation costs \$10 per person. Sign up at Information, Tickets and Tours, Building 4430, or call 8-3700.



# SAT and ACT testing dates

SAT testing will be held today, April 6, and May 4. ACT testing is scheduled for Feb. 23, March 23, April 20, and May 18. Please call 8-4813 or 8-4815 to schedule a date.

## Degree, commission same time

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is offering an opportunity to simultaneously finish your degree and earn a commission. Individuals wishing to pursue a graduate degree or those who can combine undergraduate and graduate studies and graduate in fiscal year 2002 are eligible. Call Phil King at 8-4249 or Wes Flannigan at 8-5191 for information.



# **Family support**

**Monday:** Financial Briefing is from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

**Tuesday:** Right Start is from 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. Time for Tots is 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**Wednesday:** Smooth Move Brief is from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

**Thursday:** Lietenants' Briefing is from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Family Support Center.

## **Sponsor training**

The next sponsorship class is March 14 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Community Center. This mandatory one-hour class for new sponsors covers effective sponsorship and offers useful products and information. This is excellent training for sponsors to help new members and their families move to base. Reservations are required. Call 8-5690.

#### **Times for Tots**

Time for Tots is a weekly playgroup open to parents and children ages 4 and younger. The group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel. Call 8-5690 for more information.

## Resume/interview workshops

The Family Support Center conducts a resume writing workshop from 8 to 10 a.m. March 12. After learning how to write a quality resume, attend the interview workshop from 8 to 11 a.m. March 26 to help prepare for the job interview. Both workshops are held in the Community Center. For more information or reservations, call 8-5690.

#### Give Parents a Break

The next Give Parents a Break program is from 2 to 6 p.m. March 10 and 24 This program offers free childcare to active-duty Air Force parents who need a break from the stresses of parenting for a few hours. Families who are eligible for this program include those where a parent is feeling stress due to military member being deployed, recently moving to base or unique circumstances or hardships. For more information or a referral, call 8-5690.



# Other agencies

# Black-tie charity gala

The D-M Officers Spouses Club is hosting their annual charity gala and silent auction March 24. This black-tie event will feature a silent auction, five-course meal, and dancing to 40's and swing music. The gala is open to all officers club members. All funds from the silent auction go toward scholarships for military dependents. Deadline for reservations is March 16. Reserve now by calling Melissa Carter at 615-2247 (for O-7 and above and retirees); Marla Howes at 751-9155 (for O-4 through O-6); Cynthia Thomas at 512-4695 (for O-3 and O-2).

# Dinner, dancing and fashion

Black Heritage Association Celebration of Black Fashion is March 10 at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. The event will consist of dinner, a fashion show, and dancing. The events begins at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails/social hour, while the fashion show will start at 6:30 p.m. Ticket are \$15. For tickets call 1st Lt. Marlon Taylor at 8-9043 or Senior Airman Kanani Reed at 8-9324. For event information, call 2nd Lt. Tre Bryant at 8-9120.

## Women's History celebration

The Women's History Month celebration is March 28. Two programs are scheduled on that day and both are at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. The morning program is from 7:30 to 11 a.m. A continental breakfast for \$5 will be served. Guest speakers will discuss problem solving, vision and depression. The lunch program is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 (members) or \$12 (non-members), and a choice of chef or chicken supreme salad. Lt. Col. Gina Giles, 12th Air Force Chief of Staff, is the guest speaker. RSVP no later than March 16. Call Peg Nelson at 8-8440, Marie Hanna at 8-3812 or Barbara Dycus at 8-5159 to RSVP.

## **Gold Stars Wives meeting**

Gold Star Wives of America, Tucson Chapter, meets Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Hungry Fox restaurant 4637 E. Broadway. Eligible are survivors of those servicemen who died on active duty or as a result of service connected disabilities. For more information, please call 298-6977. Gold Star Mothers are also welcome.

# **Munitions Storage Area closure**

The munitions area will only be able to provide limited support due to a 100 percent semi-annual inventory between March 19 through 31. All munitions transactions for custody accounts must be completed prior to March 19. Any requirements after this date will require an emergency issue letter. Call 8-8911 for more information.

#### Estate claims

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Tech. Sgt. Richard F. Coles, deceased, assigned to 355th Medical Operations Squadron, should contact the Summary Court Officer, 1st Lt. Sarah Coors-Davidson 8-1505, 355th Medical Support Squadron.

# **Outstanding Performers banquet**

The 2001 Outstanding Performers of the Year banquet is March 9 at the Officers' Club. A medallion ceremony for the nominees will precede the cocktails and dinner, which cost \$16 and will consist of London broil or stuff chicken breast. People interested in attending and supporting nominees should contact their first sergeant or command chief master sergeant for tickets.

## Air Force Times wants you

Air Force Times announces the first annual Air Force Times Airman of the Year Award. The publication will honor Air Force members whose efforts unselfishly and consistently go above and beyond the call of duty, making a difference in their communities. Nominees must be active-duty, Reserve, or Guard status through June 3. Deadline for submission of nominations is March 26. Nomination packages must include: 1) Your name, address, and commercial phone number and email, 2) Your nominee's name, address, and commercial phone number, 3) Your nominee's current unit commander's name, address and commercial phone number, 4) In 300 words or less, describe why your nominee deserves this award, and 5) Include the names and contact information of three people who can verify the achievements of your nominee. Nominations can be submitted by mail, email or online as follows: Mail: Airman of the Year Award, Air Force Times, 6883 Commercial Dr., Springfield, VA, USA 22159.

**Email**: AirmanOfTheYear@atpco.com. **Online**: www.airforcetimes.com/nomination

The names of four finalists will be published in Air Force Times April 30, and the winner will be announced May 7. The award ceremony will be held the week of May 14 at Capitol Hill.



# Movie theater

Today: Double Take, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Saturday: Thirteen Days, (PG-13), 7 p.m..
Sunday: What Women Want, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
March 9: Thirteen Days, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
March 10: Cast Away, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
March 11: The Pledge, (R), 7 p.m.